

AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently amended) A fence slat, comprising:
a longitudinal hollow body;
the longitudinal body comprising a first side and a second side;
a first sidewall positioned on the first side of the longitudinal body;
a second sidewall positioned on the second side of the longitudinal body; and
a rib positioned between the first side wall and the second side wall so as to divide
said longitudinal hollow body;

the first and the second sidewalls and the rib each comprising a harpoon-shaped locking portion positioned thereon.

2. (Original) The fence slat of claim 1, wherein the first side wall comprises a first curved sidewall and wherein the second sidewall comprises a second curved sidewall.

3. (Cancelled) The fence slat of claim 1, wherein the longitudinal body comprises a rib positioned therein.

4. (Cancelled) The fence slat of claim 3, wherein the rib comprises the locking portion positioned thereon.

5. (Original) The fence slat of claim 1, wherein the longitudinal body comprises a tube.

6. (Original) The fence slat of claim 5, wherein the tube comprises a substantially flat first side and a substantially flat second side.

7. (Previously presented) The fence slat of claim 6, wherein the tube comprises the rib separating the substantially flat first side and the substantially flat second side.

8. (Original) The fence slat of claim 5, wherein tube comprises a first end and a second end and wherein the first end comprises the locking portion.

9. (Currently amended) The fence slat of claim 8 6, wherein the substantially flat first side comprises a terminating point adjacent to the first end.

10. (Cancelled) The fence slat of claim 1, wherein the locking portion comprises a substantial harpoon shape.

11. (Withdrawn) The fence slat of claim 1, wherein the locking portion comprises a substantial arrow shape.

12. (Original) The fence slat of claim 1, wherein the locking portion comprises a cutout portion and an elevated portion.

13. (Withdrawn) The fence slat of claim 1, wherein the locking portion comprises an upper cutout portion and a lower cutout portion.

14. (Original) The fence slat of claim 1, further comprising a second locking portion.

15. (Original) The fence slat of claim 2, wherein the first and the second curved sidewalls comprise a curve towards the longitudinal body.

16. (Withdrawn) The fence slat of claim 2, wherein the first and the second curved sidewalls comprise a curve away from the longitudinal body.

17. (Withdrawn) The fence slat of claim 1, wherein the longitudinal body comprises a flat strip.

18. (Withdrawn) The fence slat of claim 1, wherein the longitudinal body comprises a first flat strip and a second flat strip.

19. (Withdrawn) The fence slat of claim 1, wherein the longitudinal body comprises a plurality of rail apertures positioned therein.

20. (Currently amended) A fence slat, comprising:
a hollow longitudinal body;
the hollow longitudinal body comprising a first wall and a second wall;
a pair of sidewalls connecting the first wall and the second wall;
a rib connecting the first wall and the second wall of the hollow longitudinal body;
and
the pair of sidewalls and the rib each comprising a harpoon-shaped locking portion positioned thereon.

21. (Cancelled) A fence slat system, comprising:
a fence slat;
the fence slat comprising a longitudinal body with a pair of curved sidewall positioned thereon;
the pair of curved sidewalls comprising a fence slat locking portion positioned thereon; and
a slat retainer;
the slat retainer comprising a slat retainer locking portion sized to accommodate the fence slat locking portion.

22. (Cancelled) The fence slat system of claim 21, wherein the slat retainer locking portion comprises an elevated portion and a cutout portion.

23. (Cancelled) The fence slat system of claim 21, wherein the slat retainer locking portion comprises an indented portion.

24. (Cancelled) The fence slat of claim 21, wherein the longitudinal body comprises a plurality of rail apertures therein.

25. (Cancelled) The fence slat system of claim 24, further comprises a rail positioned in the plurality of rail apertures.

26. (Currently amended) A fence slat for use with a rail, comprising:
a hollow longitudinal body;
the hollow longitudinal body comprising a first wall and a second wall;
a pair of sidewalls connecting the first wall and the second wall;
a rib connecting the first wall and the second wall of the hollow longitudinal body;
and
the pair of sidewalls and the rib each comprising harpoon shaped locking means for locking the longitudinal body ~~positioned thereon~~ within the rail.